



City of Cincinnati

Date: August 29, 2005, 11:00 PM

The following information is an update of activities in response to the chemical leak on Eastern Avenue as of 5:30 PM, August 29, 2005:

- City efforts right now can be summed up as monitoring, investigating, patrolling:
 - We continue to monitor the railroad car and the styrene is continuing to vent, which is a good sign.
 - The Federal Railroad Administration, Fire Department's Environmental Crimes Unit, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati Chemical Air Monitoring team, Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, are on scene investigating the situation.
 - Cincinnati Police Department is patrolling the evacuation area to ensure the safety of individuals and property. The police report that people have been very cooperative. They have helped a few people get medications from the area.
- Constant air monitoring is showing that levels are far below those that produce health effects.
- Tomorrow there will be more extensive tests on site to ascertain the situation.
- There is still a curfew in place until 6 a.m. for the evacuation area only. This will allow Police greater oversight of the area to help anyone in need of evacuation and to protect property.
- The evacuation order is still in effect. We will lift the order as soon as we can ensure the safety of the citizens in the area.

Traffic:

- Street closures will continue to be in effect for tomorrow's morning drive:

The following streets are closed:

COLUMBIA PARKWAY between Delta Avenue and Beechmont Avenue

KELLOGG AVENUE between Delta Avenue and Salem Road

EASTERN AVENUE, between Delta Avenue and Linwood Road

WILMER AVENUE between Beechmont Avenue and Kellogg Avenue

▪ **SUGGESTED ALTERNATE ROUTES**

- I-471 South to I-275 which connects to Kellogg, Beechmont & S.R. 32
- I-71 north to either Red Bank Road or I-275.
 - Red Bank Road connects to Madison Road and Columbia Parkway with access to the east and I-275 connects to Kellogg, Beechmont, US 50 east, and S. R. 32.
- Metro has 3 routes that have been diverted 28, 30, and route 81. They still are running.